

# LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

## Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **July 9, 2002**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 1

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **Work Session**

CLOSED SESSION:

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION: **X**

(Confidential)

ITEM TITLE: **Amendment To City Code To Broaden the Time Period for Deer Hunting By Use Of Bow And Arrow**

### RECOMMENDATION:

Amend Section 27-67.3 of the City Code to provide for additional seasons for bow hunting in the City limits.

### SUMMARY:

City Council adopted an ordinance on June 25, 2002 to allow the hunting of deer by bow and arrow during the Early Special Urban Archery Season (September 21-October 4, 2002). It has been suggested that Council should amend that ordinance to also include the Early and Late Special Archery Seasons as provided for in Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries regulations. Such action would extend the season for bow and arrow hunting to October 5-November 16, 2002 for the Early Special Archery Season and December 2, 2002-January 4, 2003 for the Late Special Archery Season. Council could also consider allowing the use of bow and arrow during the regular full season, November 18, 2002-January 4, 2003. Section 27-67.1 of the City Code that allows the use of shotguns during that season specifically prohibits the possession of a strung bow on lands designated for hunting.

While there has also been a suggestion to reduce the one hundred yard standoff included in the ordinance, there is no specific recommendation on a reduced distance.

PRIOR ACTION(S): City council adopted Section 27-67.3 at its meeting of June 25, 2002.

BUDGET IMPACT: None

### CONTACT(S):

Colonel Charles W. Bennett, Jr. 847-1431  
Lt. Thomas B. Lawton 847-1338

### ATTACHMENT(S):

Proposed amended code section 27-67.3

### REVIEWED BY:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 27-67.3 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG, 1981, ENTITLED BOW HUNTING, TO INCREASE THE SEASON FOR HUNTING DEER WITH BOW AND ARROW WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG:

1. That Section 27-63.3 of the Code of the City of Lynchburg, 1981, entitled Bow Hunting, be and the same is hereby amended and reenacted , as follows:

Sec. 27-67.3. Bow hunting.

(a) The provisions of Section 27-67 shall not apply when discharging an arrow from a bow for the purposes of deer hunting within the city limits during the ~~early~~ Early special-Special urban-Urban archery-Archery seasonSeason, the Early Special Archery Season, and the Full General Firearms Deer Season [or the Late Special Archery Season], as designated in regulations promulgated by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, under the following conditions:

(1) On land that is ten (10) acres or more of contiguous area, and

(2) The landowner has applied for an annual permit from the chief of police to use his property for this purpose. The permit shall be granted by the chief of police or his designee if the application meets the requirements of this section, and

(3) Any person discharging a bow as set forth above shall, at all times, while engaged in such activity, have in his possession written permission from the landowner to discharge such a weapon on his premises, and

(4) All hunting must be done in compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the rules and regulations of the board of game and inland fisheries, and

(5) Arrows used for hunting must have a minimum width head of seven-~~eight~~eighths (7/8) of an inch and the bow used for such hunting must be capable of casting a broadhead arrow a minimum of one hundred twenty-five (125) yards.

(b) Discharge of a bow will be from an elevated tree stand located at least twelve (12) feet above the ground.

(c) No person shall discharge a bow within one hundred (100) yards of any building, dwelling, street, sidewalk, alley, roadway or public land or public place within the city limits.

(d) It shall be unlawful to carry firearms while hunting with bow and arrow.

(e) No person shall hunt deer in the city by use of dog or dogs.

(f) Any person engaging in deer hunting must comply with any conditions and restrictions imposed by the chief of police as part of the permit.

2. That this ordinance shall become effective on its passage.

Adopted:

Certified:

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Clerk of Council